

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 948

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lucian Houston Herndon, Jr., of Humboldt.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Lucian Houston Herndon, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herndon was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Humboldt, Lucian Herndon, the son of Lucian Houston Herndon and Lucille Craddock Herndon, graduated from Humboldt High School before attending the University of Tennessee and graduating from Lambuth University; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Mr. Herndon entered his family's business, The Humboldt Canning Company, and later partnered with John Hale to found the Hale-Herndon Insurance and Real Estate Agency, which was later known as CCI, Incorporated. With offices in Humboldt, Milan, Jackson, Medina, Alamo, and Henderson, the business has become one of the largest agencies in West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Lucian Herndon gave back to his profession through prominent leadership roles in various professional organizations, including standing as President and a member of several boards for the Insurors of Tennessee, member of the National Educational and Disaster Committees in the Independent Agents of America, and as the President of the Insurors of Gibson County; he earned the respect of his peers and colleagues and was recognized by the Insurors of Tennessee as Insuror of the Year in 1998; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his accomplished professional career, Mr. Herndon also established himself as an admirable public servant and integral part of his community, as he was an Eagle Scout and rendered sterling service as the President of the West Tennessee

Strawberry Festival, President of the Humboldt Rotary Club, President of the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, President of the Humboldt Golf and Country Club, Chairman of the Humboldt Utility Board, Chairman of the Humboldt Zoning and Appeals Board, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Union Planters Bank, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of HCA Hospital; his dedicated service garnered him recognition as a 2007 Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club, the Honorary Chairman of the 2000 West Tennessee Strawberry Festival, an honoree at the Annual Humboldt Christmas Tree Lighting, and an honoree at the Humboldt Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, Lucian Herndon was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church in Humboldt, which he served faithfully all his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herndon was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Lucian Herndon is survived by his loving wife of forty-five years, Marianne Ragland Herndon; his two daughters and their spouses, Elizabeth Herndon Labry and her husband, Edward A. Labry III, and Holly Herndon Clements and her husband, Howell Dean Clements; his grandchildren, Holly Herndon Labry, Allison Lucile Labry, Howell Houston Clements, and Mary Elizabeth Clements; his mother, Lucile Craddock Herndon; and his two sisters, Peggy Herndon Tacker and Lynda Herndon Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herndon leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lucian Houston Herndon, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Herndon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.